



POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

There is no recycling pickup on July 4.



Reduced gate hours

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground in observance of the 4th of July holiday. The Harford Gate, or Route 22 in APG North, will close 10 p.m., July 3 and reopen 4 a.m., July 5.

The Wise Road Gate, or Edgewood Road in APG South, will close 8 p.m., July 3 and reopen 4 a.m., July 5.

The Maryland Gate in APG North and the Magnolia Road Gate in the APG South will be open throughout the holiday period.

APG to participate in Havre de Grace's July 4th Parade

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own); and the APG Fire and Emergency Services' Color Guard will participate in the Havre de Grace July 4th parade 2 p.m., June 30, along Union Avenue. Wright will serve as the grand marshal for the parade.

Veterinary Clinic closings

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed June 30 and July 31 for end of month inventory. The VTF will be open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 due to shortage of staff and will return to normal hours July 10. The facility also will be closed on July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday.

For more information, contact the VTF, 410-278-3922/4604.

Top of the Bay price increase

Effective July 1, Top of the Bay will redesign their lunch program. The hot buffet will become self-serve and will include a side salad, fruit punch or iced tea, rolls and butter and will cost \$7.95 per person. Carry out buffets will cost \$8.25 per person.

The sandwich and salad bar will remain the same.

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Robinson assumes command of APG, RDECOM

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The leadership of the installation changed hands June 19 as Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau turned over command of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command to Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr. during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field.

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, led the ceremony which included the traditional passing of the guidon, led by acting RDECOM Sgt. Maj. Steve Hornbach.

Nadeau moves on to assume command of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at Alexandria, Va.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his "exceptionally meritorious service from October 2004 to June 2007," signed by Secretary of the Army Pete Geren.

Griffin praised Nadeau's command and said that the passing of the colors signifies not only a change of command but the responsibility that comes with it.

"A seasoned command-



Photo by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
From left, Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, former commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr., salute the colors during the change of command ceremony installing Robinson as the new APG and RDECOM commander.

er is leaving here, and it is a seasoned commander we are bringing in," Griffin said.

He said that Nadeau earned his award "by getting Soldiers what they need on the battlefield."

"He never lost sight of the number one priority; supporting our men and women fighting, or getting ready to fight in the War on Terror," Griffin said.

Naming each organization within RDECOM, Griffin

added, "And he was backed up by a great team."

He said that Robinson brings with him the experience of a front line Soldier and division commander.

"You're losing a great com-

mand team but you're getting a great command team," he said. "I am honored to be here today to pass these colors, and I am honored to command the Army Materiel Command."

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Preventing injuries this Fourth of July holiday

Johns Hopkins Medicine and DSHE

Fireworks are a Fourth of July tradition to celebrate Independence Day, but unfortunately so are the injuries they cause.

More than 50 percent of all fireworks-related eye injuries occur around the Fourth of July holiday, and approximately 12,000 Americans are admitted to emergency rooms every year for fireworks-related injuries, according to the United States Eye Injury Registry. They report that almost half of those injured are bystanders, and nearly 400 patients

lose vision in one or both eyes because of their injuries.

Michael Grant, M.D., Ph.D., an ophthalmologist and director of the Ocular Trauma Service at The Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute, said bottle rockets are the most common fireworks to cause eye injury.

"Seventy percent of all serious fireworks-related eye injuries are caused by bottle rockets, and more than two-thirds of these injuries take place at home," Grant said. "These eye injuries are generally very serious and frequently lead to a significant loss of

vision and may ultimately result in loss of the eye. The most important thing you can do to prevent injuries is to not use any fireworks of any kind at home and leave fireworks to the professionals."

Rick Johnson, chief, APG Installation Safety Division, agrees. "Most fireworks are prohibited in Maryland and Harford County, so for the best Family entertainment everyone would be best served by attending a fireworks display in their local community," Johnson said. "However, if you really want your own fireworks, Har-

ford County allows sparklers and ground based sparking devices that are non-aerial and non-explosive [referred to as "fountains"], paper wrapped snappers, and snakes that contain no mercury and are not regulated by the Department of Transportation.

However, just because these are legal for consumers, doesn't mean they can use used anywhere, according to the APG Fire Chief Ed Budnick. He advises that they only be used outside, in open areas and away from any combustibles.

"Because of the recent drought, everyone should be especially careful to extinguish any fireworks with water," Budnick said. "Even after they burn out, they can be still hot enough to start a grass fire."

"And for anyone going on TDY [temporary duty travel] or traveling over the holidays, travelers are reminded that the Federal Aviation Administration prohibits fireworks of any kind on any flight," Johnson said. "They cannot be checked as baggage or included in carry on bags."

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Montgomery Gentry returns to proving ground in September

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Country music's hottest duo, Montgomery Gentry, will return to Aberdeen Proving Ground to headline the Army Concert Tour Saturday Sept. 29.

The group performed for more than 10,000 screaming fans during its first visit to APG in 2004. The concert sold out weeks in advance so fans should be sure to get their tickets as early as possible.

Special guests include Joe Nichols, who is known for his Top 10 hits, "What's a Guy Gotta Do" and "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" and Grammy Award-winning songwriter-turned-singer Shauna Bolton, who has worked with the likes of Jo Dee Messina, Neal McCoy, and John Michael Montgomery as well as Montgomery Gentry.

Tickets go on sale soon. Watch for upcoming early bird specials. For more information visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

Government ID card holders are eligible to use all services advertised on the MWR Web site.

Montgomery Gentry

Montgomery Gentry is credited with helping kick-start 21st century country.

The duo is already well known for their blue-collar anthems and songs about life, work, love, loss and patriotism balanced by their hard-partying spirit that takes the edge, as Eddie Montgomery likes to say.

Now, with their latest album 'Some People Change,' Montgomery Gentry takes yet another important step forward. Some People Change is an incredibly rich collection that reflects the continued maturing of Montgomery Gentry on a number of levels.

"We're always trying to better ourselves both in the studio and on stage," said Troy Gentry. "We keep honing our skills from doing it so often, but really, we're a work in progress."

The duo's string of hits since they came together in 1999 include "Hill-billy Shoes," "Lonely And Gone," "Daddy Won't Sell The Farm," "She Couldn't Change Me," "My Town," "Speed," and "Hell Yeah," "Gone" and "If You Ever Stop Loving Me."

They were named the Country
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Applying for retirement

CPAC

It is critical that all retiring employees who are eligible for retirement based on age and length of service are aware of the approximate monthly annuity benefits (commonly called an "estimate") that they will receive before making the decision to retire.

Serious errors include those where an employee receives inaccurate or untimely annuity estimate information which is discovered after retirement resulting in the employee asking to be returned to duty because he/she cannot afford to live off of actual retirement annuity. Additionally, there is the potential for an employee to receive accurate information, but

misunderstand that information.

"The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the Army Benefits Center-Civilian will work together to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to prevent such situations," said Diane J. Smith, director, CPAC. "It is understood that employees can independently initiate their retirement without contacting the CPAC.

CPAC services are offered to employees in terms of checking retirement applications and answering general questions. Annuity estimates must be obtained from the ABC-C."

Receiving retirement counseling

Although an employee may obtain assistance from the CPAC.
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Sexual Assault Prevention: CID provides tips on how to minimize the chances of becoming a victim

CID

Although Sexual Assault Prevention month has passed, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command wants to keep sexual assault prevention in the forefront by educating the Army community about ways to avoid becoming the victim of sexual assault and what to do if victimized.

According to CID Special Agent Stephanie James, sexual assault is a crime that occurs between two or more people and there are numerous ways individuals, particularly females, can minimize the chance of becoming a victim.

James said people should always be alert and learn to trust their instincts in all situations.

"If a place or person makes you feel unsafe, it probably is," emphasized James, who has successfully investigated hundreds of cases throughout her career. "People should always look for signs of trouble such as strangers in private areas or persons loitering in suspicious places, or people who make you feel uncomfortable. If you sense trouble, trust your instincts and get to a safe place as soon as possible. If you feel you are in danger, attract help anyway you can."

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, or RAINN, and the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention Program's Web site, about two-thirds of sexual assault victims in the United States knew their assailants.

"Acquaintance rape," which includes date rape, refers to those rapes that occur between people who know one another.

"Date rape" refers to situations in which one person has consented to go on a date with another person and that person then rapes him or her. Another statistic backed by numerous studies indicates that about half

of all U.S. sexual assaults involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim, or both.

According to a CID spokesman, the Army community in which Soldiers and their Families live and work is safer when compared to civilian communities and national crime statistics. The majority of sexual assaults or rapes investigated within the Army community are not the type of crimes that include a stranger breaking into a victim's house or hiding in their car, although it can and does happen, but are more likely between persons who know each other or share some familiarity.

"We find that many allegations of sexual assault occur on weekends when a Soldier consumes alcohol in excess and returns to their quarters afterward," James said. "When a Soldier is unconscious from too much alcohol, they are unable to give consent. In this situation, if an individual proceeds to have sex with an unconscious person or a person who is unable to consent, they are committing a crime."

James stressed two points that she feels are very important in reducing the possibility of becoming the victim of an assault in "acquaintance-type crimes."

"Bottom line, women need to lock their doors wherever they reside; especially in a barracks," James said. "Regardless of how safe or trusting a person might feel living in their barracks or residence, they should always be mindful of security and lock their doors when they enter."

The second point is using the buddy system. James said that women should always use the buddy system when going out – especially if they are going to drink alcohol.

"Use the buddy system and if a female needs help getting back to their barracks or residence, ask a

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